

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown below:

1 through 22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A method of allowing a host computer to use a portable computer system as a peripheral comprising ~~the steps of:~~ /

[[a))] a host computer system issuing first commands and data over a communication link to said portable computer system using a first communication port of said portable computer system;

[[b))] a bridge process implemented in said portable computer system copying said first commands and data to a second communication port internal to said portable computer system, said second communication port directly accessible to said host computer system;

[[c))] an internal wireless modem receiving said first commands and data from said second communication port;

[[d))] said internal wireless modem sending second commands and data to said second communication port; and

[[e))] said bridge process copying said second commands and data from said second communication port to said first communication port.

24. (Currently Amended) A method as described in Claim 23 ~~[[and]]~~ further comprising ~~the step of~~ said host computer system receiving said second commands and data from said first communication port.

25. (New) A method as described in Claim 23 wherein said first communication port and said second communication port are serial communication ports.

26. (New) A method as described in Claim in Claim 25 wherein said serial communication ports are implemented using UART circuitry.

27. (New) A method as described in Claim 23 wherein said portable electronic device is a personal digital assistant and wherein said first communication port is for coupling said personal digital assistant to said host computer system.

28. (New) A method as described in Claim 23 further comprising relaying information from a receive line (Rx) of said first communication port to a transmit line (Tx) of said second communication port.

29. (New) A method as described in Claim 23 further comprising relaying information from a receive line (Rx) of said second communication port to a transmit line (Tx) of said first communication port.

30. (New) A method as described in Claim 23 further comprising said bridge process performing protocol translation between a PPP communication protocol and a non-PPP communication protocol.

31. (New) A method as described in Claim 23 further comprising said wireless modem performing protocol translation between a PPP communication protocol and a non-PPP communication protocol.

32. (New) A method as described in Claim 23 wherein said first communication port is a wireless Bluetooth compliant external communication device for communicating with said host computer system.

33. (New) A method as described in Claim 23 wherein said first communication port is a wireless infrared external communication device for communicating with said host computer system.

34. (New) A method as described in Claim 27 further comprising communicatively coupling said host computer system to said portable computer system at said first communication port of said portable computer system.